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24 November 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Representation Allowances

1. There is no legal objection to authorizing redelegation of the authority to approve representation allowances. The prime interest of this office is ensuring adherence to the concept of representation allowances, i.e. that they are authorized only for appropriate officials and are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

2. In view of the considerable confusion in the past concerning representation allowances, uniformity of administration would best be achieved in all probability by establishing a central authorization point, but under the law there is no objection to granting the authority to as many officials as may best serve the Agency's purpose.

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